

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of August 14, 2013
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Stacy Carpenter, Virginia Cookson joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m, Bob Cronin, Peter Dana joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m., Richard Luongo (chair), George Tarr.

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Coordinator

Others present for a portion of the meeting:

Tyler Ferrick, DeRosa Environmental Consulting

Sue McLaughlin, Hamilton resident, Gregory Island Rd.

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jim Hankin noted that the meeting was not being recorded.

Notice of Intent

Linden and Howard Street

Replace existing culverts under two public ways

Hamilton DPW, Dave Hanlon Director, Applicant.

Stacy Carpenter moved to continue the Public Hearing for Linden and Howard Street project until September 11 as per request of applicant. Bob Cronin seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Request for Determination

Various public ways and town owned properties

Harvest Japanese knotweed in jurisdictional areas

Tyler Ferrick, of DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Applicant

Mr. Ferrick reviewed the RDA; explaining the harvesting of the invasive plant Japanese Knotweed, and the transportation of the plants to local zoos. De Rosa staff will harvest knotweed several times with delivery to various zoos. The multiple harvesting results in a hyper stressed plant. DeRosa staff then applies by hand, the natural herbicide "Nature's Avenger". The plant does not survive this treatment. No material is delivered to zoos after the application of the herbicide. Richard Luongo found information on the herbicide on the internet which indicated that the product is US EPA approved for proper and professional use.

Mr. Luongo asked Mr. Ferrick to provide a report, at the close of the fiscal year, on the areas in Town where the Knotweed was removed and an approximation of the total amount of plants transported to zoos. Mr. Ferrick replied that this would be done.

Sue McLaughlin of Gregory Island Rd. informed Mr. Ferrick that Japanese Knotweed was present in areas along Gregory Island Rd. Mr. Ferrick indicated that he would review the area and that he would likely remove the knotweed as part of this project.

Stacy Carpenter moved to issue a Negative Determination under the State Wetlands Protection Act and Hamilton Bylaw. Bob Cronin seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Bob Cronin moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2013. Stacy Carpenter seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Bob Cronin moved to adjourned. Motion agreed by acclamation at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted September 5, 2013 by James Hankin